

Children's Library Policy
Albion Area Public Library

The Albion Area Public Library wants the library to be a welcoming and safe place for the children. Our staff have many duties to perform to serve all patrons in the best way possible. For this reason, the staff cannot monitor the whereabouts of or the behaviors of our smallest patrons, the children. Staff cannot assume the responsibility of the children when they are in the library.

Parents, guardians, and caregivers are responsible for the safety and conduct of their children while on library premises. These individuals must provide appropriate supervision based on the ages, abilities, and levels of responsibility of their children.

Children aged 8 and under are to be always accompanied by an adult or caregiver while visiting the library. Adults or caregivers will remain in the same area of the library as their children. Children aged 8 to 15 may use the library in an appropriate manner without parental or caregiver supervision.

Children of any age, whose behavior is disruptive or inappropriate, may be asked to leave the library after receiving one warning. More significant or repeated behavior problems may result in limited library access, and/or adult supervision regardless of age.

Parents, guardians, and caregivers are expected to be aware of the opening and closing times of the library. If the library is closing and a child has been left unattended, the staff may assist in contacting the parents to arrange for transportation. However, if the child is not picked up within 15 minutes after closing, appropriate law enforcement will be notified to take responsibility. Staff members will remain with the child until the situation is resolved. The library staff is not permitted to take a child out of the building or to transport the child to another location.